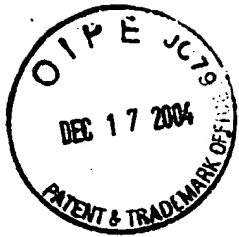


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December 17, 2004

In re application of : BILL J. COE  
Serial No. : 09/879,419  
Filed : JUNE 12, 2001  
For : SOFT LINK FOR CONNECTING A GROUP OF  
PARACHUTE SUSPENSION LINES TO  
HARNESS VIA RISERS  
Examiner : TIEN QUANG DINH  
Art Unit : 3644  
Our File No. : 7282.4820

**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action issued August 17, 2004, please amend the pending application as indicated.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.